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**PUBLIC-HEALTH SERVICE**  
**OF MOLDAVIA IMPROVES**

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The quantitative and qualitative growth of the public-health service of this young Soviet republic has continued for the past few years. This is clearly indicated from the data included in a report submitted by the Minister of Public Health of Moldavia, M. Ya. Sukharev.

Since 1947, hospital facilities have been increased by 1,110 beds; the existing hospitals have been enlarged, and 29 new ones have been constructed. The number of ambulatory-polyclinic institutions, surgery-obstetric centers, women's and children's consultation facilities, and nurseries has increased. In 2 years, 18 malaria stations, 65 clinico-diagnostic laboratories, and 31 X-ray departments have been set up.

In 1948, the Ministry of Public Health Moldavian SSR set forth the task of improving the quality of specialized aid in the village to the level of the city. This problem is being solved successfully. Even now, there are from 8 to 18 doctors in every village rayon.

Surgical divisions existed in only 19 rayon hospitals on 1 January 1948. Now, only eight rayons of Moldavia have no surgeons. All rayons have uterologists and pediatricians. Other forms of specialized aid are gradually being introduced.

However, the plan for specialization and advanced training of physicians has not been completely fulfilled. The republic does not have a sufficient number of oncologists, psychiatrists, pathologists, urologists, and laboratory technicians.

Vice-Minister M. Ya. Gekhtman submitted a report on the fight against malaria. Sixty-one malaria stations have been established in the republic. The Ministry of Public Health USSR has sent a special expedition to Moldavia. The necessary quantity of medicines and materials has been released. Forty rayon malaria stations have been equipped with transportation.

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